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Title: EXPEDITIONARY MAG'S ON (HA) MISSIONS

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5. (U) OBSERVATION:

Expeditionary MAG's on Humanitarian Assist Missions Require an Intermediate Maintenance Activity (IMA) Capability

6. (U) DISCUSSION:

During Operation Restore Hope, an aircraft IMA capability was never deployed to support approximately 40 rotary and KC-130 aircraft. During the early phases of the operation rotary wing support was provided by the initiative of USS Tripoli (LPH-10), which was already in a direct support relationship with the ACE of 15th MEU. Once the Tripoli ARG was tasked to move to another geographical location, IMA support ceased to exist. Consequently, a disproportionate effort was expended in CONUS to adequately support a relatively small segment of the Wing involved.

7. (U) LESSON LEARNED:

Several provisions (ie. TPFDD info) for an aviation IMA could be included in deployment planning for a Humanitarian Assist Mission. First, and preferred, is to make use of a TAVB. This provides the greatest and most efficient movement of the IMA into the theater. Second, if a LPH/LHA/LHD (AIMD) is in theater, and available, then use it for the initial support as required. As the ACE makes temporary use of the afloat AIMD, the decision would have been made to deploy the TAVB or commence to selectively deploy specific vans or support equipment as part of the FIE or by AFOE. IMA personnel from the designated MALS should also be sequentially integrated in the flow.

8. (U) RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Same as above.

9. (U) COMMENTS:

MARFORPAC reviewed as info on 940502.

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